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## Government of Madras.

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### *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th May 1871.*

No. 455. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 16th May 1871, No. 23 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 15th May 1871, No. 207.

I AM advised by my Directors that the Secretary of State has requested the Government of Fort St. George to report, with regard to the Company's works, upon the following points :—

(1.) The general character as to design and execution of that portion of the work which is now finished.

(2.) The suitableness of the works for irrigating the country through which they pass.

(3.) The probability of hesitation on the part of the ryots in taking the water at the prescribed rates.

(4.) What force there may be in the Company's argument that the remunerativeness of the present works cannot be fairly tested unless extended to comprehend the entire original project.

(5.) Whether the Government would be prepared to complete the project in the event of the Company being wound up, or could arrange for completion by the State in case the Company insist on retaining possession of the portion already executed.

2. I am further directed to communicate immediately with the Government upon these points.

3. I have of course no pretension nor desire to obtrude myself upon the Government or their deliberations prematurely, but Mr. Latham, the Company's Chief Engineer, is now, by the order of the Board of Directors, in Madras, for the purpose of offering to the Government such professional information and arguments as they might be pleased to receive.

4. My object, therefore, in now addressing you is to ask you to do me the favour of soliciting the orders of Government upon this point, and of ascertaining whether the Government are disposed to fix any time for hearing Mr. Latham.

5. I need hardly remind you that it is of great importance, at the critical period at which we have arrived, that the Chief Engineer should return to the works at the earliest possible moment in order to complete his final inspection and report upon their completeness. I trust, therefore, that I shall be pardoned if I venture to urge upon you the consideration of *time*, and also if I appear to be premature and importunate in thus obeying the instructions of my Directors, as in duty bound.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

(Signed) J. G. RYVES, Captain, R.E.,
*Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*26th May* 1871.

No. 456. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1871, No. 1,438.

| IRRIGATION, No. 25. |
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IT will be intimated to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company that this Government have not yet received the despatch of the Secretary of State to which Mr. Henslowe refers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras Irri: and C. Co.

No. 207. Madras 15th May 1871.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
[illegible] Harlowe
Agent and Manager

No. 23.

Submitted for the orders of Government

Office of Chief Engineer
Irrigation
16 May 1870

[illegible] Captain R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To
The Secretary to Government
Department of Pub: Works
Fort St. George

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From

The Agent & Manager

M. I. & C. C.

To

The Chief Engineer

for Irrigation

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Dated 15 } May /71

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Requests to be furnished with the orders of Govt. with regard to the Company's works being complete.

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C. J.

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Chief Engr. for Irrigation
Agent & Manager M. I. & C. Co.

M. S. despd. 26/5/71 to both
P. C. — 8/6/71 —

Paid immediately

L. M. L.
25/5/71

Chief Secy for Irrigation
Agent Damage - [illegible]

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# Govt. of {1871} Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Ag Chief Engr for Irrigation

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 26 May 1871, No. 1438.

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